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1. AS SOON AS REFTEL RECEIVED YESTERDAY, I CONVEYED CONTENTS TO AMR MUSA, FAHMY'S AIDE IN ALEXANDRIA. MUSA UNDERTOOK CONVEY INFO TO FAHMY, BUT INDICATED LATTER HAS STILL NOT MADE UP HIS MIND ON WHETHER OR NOT TO ATTEND SESSION. HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT FAHMY WILL IN THE END PROBABLY DECIDE TO GO. IN TELCON WITH MUSA THIS MORNING, HE INDICATED FAHMY HAS STILL MADE NO DECISION. HOWEVER, SINCE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' MINISTERS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET ON MAY 28, HE THOUGHT FAHMY WILL HAVE TO DECIDE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER SOME TIME TODAY. HE PROMISED ADVISE AS SOON AS DECISION IS MADE.

2. REASON FOR FAHMY'S INDECISION IS THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE TWO TRIPS WITHIN A WEEK OR SO TO EUROPE. HE HAD INITIALLY WRONGLY THOUGHT CIEC MINISTERIAL WOULD TAKE PLACE JUNE 3-6, WHICH WOULD HAVE ENABLED HIM REMAIN IN PARIS FOR A DAY BEFORE MEETING THERE OR IN GENEVA WITH GROMYKO. HOWEVER,
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WITH CIEC SCHEDULED END MAY 31, HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO BETWEEN THEN AND GROMYKO MEETING. HIS STAFF ARE URGING HIM TO ATTEND. IF HE DECIDES NOT TO GO, PRESENT THOUGHT IS THAT EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF PLANNING ABDUL RAZZAG ABDUL MEQUID WILL BE SENT.
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